

Weekly Column for January 4, 2007

I have to admit that the 2007 dateline looks a little out of place. Happy New Year everyone, I hope that each of you had a peaceful and relaxing holiday season.

The first column this year will be something of a quick hitter- a little of this and a little of that.

It would be redundant to say that the weather has been very kind to us so far this winter, but when it is this nice, redundant is okay. Sunny skies and temperatures in the 50's during the first week of January? That is something you don't complain about.

It also happens to be a stroke of luck that will help us in our ongoing effort to keep Troy clean. With the holiday season now over many families obviously have Christmas Trees they need to have taken away. We will do that for you for no charge at all. Simply place the tree outside of your home on your regularly scheduled garbage pickup, and a Department of Public Works crew will pick it up.

As I said a few days ago, it may take two or three days, but we will get to it. Being able to pick the trees up before the first significant snowfall is a great benefit by the time spring rolls around.

If you want to drop your tree off instead of having it picked up, just bring it down to the Alamo, located directly across from the Rensselaer County Jail in South Troy. And one final note on the trees- they are being mulched, and the mulch is being given to any Troy resident that wants it on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Anyone who is looking for a New Year's Resolution, I have a perfect one. Buy a carbon-monoxide detector for your home. The device is not expensive and it could end up saving your life.

Finally, four weeks from today I will give my Fourth Annual State of the City Address to the City Council. There is obviously an open invitation to anyone that would like to attend. It will be a great night that will highlight many of the exciting things happening in Troy.

If you have the weekend off, Saturday is looking like it will be a beautiful day. Get out and have some fun.

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